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PROMOTION OF SATRIYA DANCE AND MUSIC
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Satriya Dance and Music Form of Assam is on the verge of extinction; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote and propagate the Satriya Dance and Music?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) Sattriya Dance and Music form of Assam is not on the verge of extinction. Sangeet Natak Akademi under the Ministry of Culture has launched a special project of Support to Sattriya Dance and Allied Traditions since 2002 which provides for (i) annual festival of Sattriya in Assam (ii) Training programme of Sattriya dance and music under eminent gurus (iii) funding of select Sattras in Assam (iv) sponsoring of Sattriya artistes outside Assam and (v) support for research, documentation and publication etc